

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 27, 2019

Martin v. City of Boise

You may have heard the news that the U.S. Supreme Court denied the petition to hear the Martin v. City of Boise case on December 16th. This lets stand the 9th Circuit Court ruling that if a homeless person has no option of sleeping indoors, a city cannot cite him or her for violating an ordinance disallowing sleeping outside in a public space. The National League of Cities summarized the impact of the Supreme Court's action in an article on its webpage at: <https://citiesspeak.org/2019/12/18/significant-homeless-decision-stands/>. Check out the brief article on how the decision applies to cities throughout the 9th Circuit. City staff and local organizations are continuing to monitor the impacts within the community.

New Year's Eve Celebration at the Library

Please join us at the Cottage Grove Library for a New Year's Eve Celebration on Tuesday, December 31st from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. There will be lots of fun including, movies, dancing, food, music, arts and crafts and more. Hope to see you here for some New Year's Eve fun.

Officer Joyce Retires

Officer Chris Joyce is retiring on January 1, 2020 from the Cottage Grove Police Department after almost 22 years with the department. Officer Joyce was a member of the Special Response Team when it was operation, was the School Resource Officer for several years and was a K-9 handler with JoJo and Torq. We wish him the best in his retirement.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed January 1, 2020 for New Year's Day. Have a Happy New Year.

Quote of the Week

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

~C.S. Lewis~